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**Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). At least one portion of the meeting will be closed to the public.

*Name of Committee:* Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee.

*General Function of the Committee:* To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

*Date and Time:* The meeting will be held on February 20, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Location:* Holiday Inn, 8120 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD.

*Contact Person:* Jody G. Sachs or Denise H. Royster, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (HFM-71), Food and Drug Administration, 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-827-0314, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 12391. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

*Agenda:* The committee will review and discuss the selection of strains to be included in the influenza virus vaccine for the 2003-2004 season and

the intramural research program of the Laboratory of Bacterial Polysaccharides, Office of Vaccines Research and Review.

*Procedure:* On February 20, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:20 p.m., the meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by February 4, 2003. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. and 2:50 p.m. and 3:20 p.m. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before February 4, 2003, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

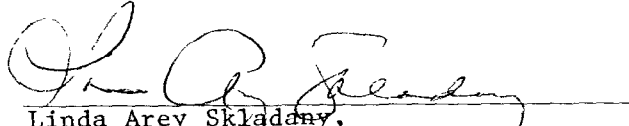
*Closed Committee Deliberations:* On February 20, 2003, from 3:20 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the meeting will be closed to permit discussion where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6)).

Persons attending FDA's advisory committee meetings are advised that the agency is not responsible for providing access to electrical outlets.

FDA welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Jody G. Sachs or Denise H. Royster at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act  
(5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: January 10, 2003  
January 10, 2003.

  
Linda Arey Skladany,  
Associate Commissioner for External Relations.

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